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1. Central offices of the North Bohemian Coal Mines, National Corporation, are located at Most (N51/F 12, F 13). Central Director of the corporation is Ing. fnu Vytul, a Communist who took over the post in March 1949. He replaced Ing. fnu Pstruzina who was removed ostensibly for black marketing, but actually because of political unreliability.
2. The corporation owns and operates 25 standard gauge locomotives, and 21 electric and 240 steam locomotives for 900 mm (broad-gauge) track. Other rolling stock belonging to the corporation are 238 dump cars and four giant dredgers for 900 mm gauge, and 180 freight cars for 600 mm gauge.
3. Equipment is maintained at repair shops attached to each of the mines and at three central workshops, the largest of which is at Komorany (Kommern - N51/F 12). In addition to maintenance and repair work, the Komorany shop manufactures some of the equipment needed in the mines.
4. Key personnel at the Komorany workshop are:

Manager	Ing. fnu Hrbacek
Deputy Manager	Ing. fnu Janousek
Technical Manager	Ing. Valenta
Head of Construction Department	fnu Dvorak
Manager of Central Stores	fnu Vertheimer
Chairman of the Workers Committee	fnu Hejdl
Deputies	fnu Alexa, fnu Zamecnik, and fnu Javornicky

5. The workshop is made up of the following sections:

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<u>Section</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Chief</u>
Machine shop	49	fnu Javornicky
Turning shop	35	fnu Jirak
Excavator repair shop	40	fnu Javornicky and Ceplak
Milling, grinding and planing shop	30	fnu Jirak
Forge	36	fnu Neumann
Welding shop	26	fnu Potucek
Locomotive shop	50	fnu Vlasak
Boiler shop	30	fnu Svoboda
Elec. locomotive shop	20	fnu Volak
Coil winding shop	60	fnu Vysin
Vulcanizing shop	30	fnu Gebhard
Machine tool repair	20	fnu Gebhard
Electrical assembly group	40	fnu Zid
Machinery assembly group	40	fnu Tyburec
Leather shop	5	unidentified
Saddlers shop	5	unidentified
Tool shop	30	fnu Drab
Electrical workshop	20	fnu Nora
(auxiliary section)		
Central stores	70	unidentified
(auxiliary section)		
Telephone exchange	(not given)	unidentified
(auxiliary section)		

6. The two other central workshops are located at Retenice near Teplice-Sanov (Teplitz-Schönau N51/F 34), and at Mariánské Lázně (Maria Ratschitz - N51/F 13). These workshops do only minor repair work.
- a. The manager of the Retenice shop is Ing. fnu Nachazel, who supervises 300 employees. This shop is well equipped, but it is 12 miles from the nearest mining area.
- b. The Mariánské Lázně shop is managed by fnu Nekola, who oversees 90 employees. This shop is fairly well equipped, but it serves only the Masaryk mine.
7. Three new spoon dredgers with a capacity of 3.5 cubic meters and a range of 25 meters are in use at the Jan Sverma mine at Ervenice (Seestadt - N51/F 12) and were made at the Skoda Works, Pilsen (N50/L 04).
8. A system clearing the mine air of coal dust, which is then used to make briquettes, is in operation at the Jan Sverma mine and in the Nejedlý mine near Komorany. The briquette plant is located near the Fortuna mine between Komorany and Trebusice (Triebschitz - N51/F 12). Only 60 per cent completed, the plant, when finished, will have 27 kilns and be one of the largest plants of its kind in Czechoslovakia. It is scheduled to be completed within the next three years.

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9. Electric power is already being produced at the power plant at Komorany, although it is only 25 per cent completed. The transformer is 60 per cent completed.
10. Three large storage dumps for machinery and spare parts are in use at Trebusice, Jiretin (Georgendorf - N51/F 04), and the Hercules mine.

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Comment.

The whole mining area encompassed by the North Bohemian Brown Coal Mines would be crippled by putting the Komorany workshops out of operation because no other facilities exist for the repair and replacement of vital machinery. Destroying the two storage dumps would have the same effect because they supply all the machinery, spare parts and other material necessary to operate the mines. Decreased output of the mines would have severe repercussions on the Stalin Works at Most which are supplied by the North Bohemian Brown Coal Mines.

Attachment: Sketch of Komorany Workshops.

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